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Polish Naval Base at Oksywie

Description of the Naval Base at Oksywie

1. "The whole Polish Naval Base at Oksywie is completely fenced off from the rest of the Port of Gdynia. The fence begins by the Timber Harbor and runs at the foot of the hills between the villages of Obuze and of Oksywie. It ends on the sea-shore at the Cape of Oksywie. As in the civilian ports of Gdynia and Gdansk, this fence is made of cement poles with cement blocks topped with barbed wire stuck in between them.

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2. "There are two entrances to the base. One of them is by the road leading from Obuze [sic], along the northern limit of the Timber Harbor. The second entrance is from the direction of Oksywie village (No. 28). The base has a railway connection with the Gdynia Junction.

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3. "When going to the base from the direction of Obuze and the Timber Harbor, one finds at the left the water tower and pumps (No. 20) which serve the base. Also

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at the left there is a separate enclosure lying outside the boundaries of the base proper. It contains underground cisterns with fuel (MPS /Materiały Paliwowe/ stores) (No. 18). The Motorcar Section (Oddział Samochodowy) is located at the crossing of the road leading from Oburze to Oksywie, between the residential blocks of PAGED and underground MPS cisterns (No. 18). The Motorcar Section is located in a former German building (not indicated on map). An underground pipeline (No. 19) leads from these cisterns to the MPS station on the mole (No. 21). Through this pipeline, the ships draw petrol and crude oil for their needs.

4. "On the same side of the road, at the foot of the hill, there are residential buildings for the personnel of Oksywie shipyard (No. 17), officers' family quarters (No. 16) and the WCH (No. 29) i.e., military shop-canteen. North of the WCH on a hill is the hospital (No. 26) which belongs to the city of Gdynia.
5. "On the right side of the road, stretches the Naval shipyard (No. 22) which constitutes a separate enclosure. This shipyard is still a large repair yard only and does not construct any new units. Further on to the right, there are stores belonging to the shipyard (No. 24) which also form a separate enclosure, and the boiler house (No. 25) serving the shipyard. A little further, still outside the enclosure of the base, there are barracks for the civilian workers of the shipyard (No. 30).
6. "Also outside the enclosure of the base, there are timber workshops (No. 14) where all sorts of wooden constructions are prepared for the ships.
7. "North of the timber workshops is the building occupied by the Garrison Headquarters (No. 15). The garrison of Oksywie extends over a wide area, including the villages of Oksywie and Oburze. The city of Gdynia has its own Garrison Command. The Oksywie Garrison is commanded by a captain. The Garrison Command issues entrance passes to civilian personnel employed in the base, supervises the sailors, organizes the patrols etc.
8. "One enters the area of the base proper through a gate (No. 31).

25X1 9. "The Basin which is called E sin No. 9 [REDACTED] is now being renovated and adapted for tying up of trawlers etc. The moles are made of wood. Opposite the basin, on a promontory (No. 12) the Command of the Rear has its offices; also, trawlers and other smaller units are tied up there. The large square between the Command of the Rear and the Naval Command (the latter is shown on a separate sketch) is empty for the time being, but during the last year (1953) some construction has been going on there.

25X1 10. "In Basin No. 10 which is the real name of the basin [REDACTED] speedboats and submarines are kept, and in the winter the base ship [REDACTED] is tied up there. Another external basin is now being formed, owing to the development of a new entrance and a new mole (No. 10). Farther towards the sea there is a Naval Observation Post (No. 9). It occupies a one-story building with a radio station, antennae on masts etc.

25X1 11. "North of Basin No. 10 [REDACTED] there are two newly constructed buildings, [REDACTED] (No. 7). Farther north there is an area in which building battalions are engaged in some unspecified kind of work (No. 8). This area is being dried up, levelled etc. It has been covered by a network of new roads leading from the Naval Command.

12. "Along the road which follows the shore line, there are two bases: the base of the speedboat flotilla (No. 6) near which is another boiler house and the base of the trawler flotilla (No. 5). On the ground floor of the trawler base (No. 5) is also the base of the patrolling trawlers (Dzorowce). In the office of the trawler base there is a separate coding department. During the winter months the speedboats were pulled ashore; their crews during that time were accommodated in their base (No. 6) and underwent training there. Both of these threeency buildings are new and well equipped. Farther north there is rather small, very

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dilapidated basin (No. 3) which is used only for small motor boats. At the end of the mole (No. 2) there is a Boatswain's School (Szkoła Bosmńska) where torpedo and mine operators are trained (Torpedo-Minerzy).

13. "At the foot of the hills inside the enclosure of the base, there are MPS cisterns (No. 4) and farther to the north on a hill is an old unused lighthouse (No. 1). Another entrance gate to the base (No. 28) stands on the road leading to Oksywie, and on the slope of the hill there are outlets of underground shelters (No. 27) which were constructed by the Germans. These shelters go very deep into the hills; some of them have outlets beyond the village of Oksywie. They are used at present for storing potatoes and vegetables, but some building and electrification works, for an unknown purpose, were going on there.

Security

14. "The base is very strictly guarded. Guards are posted at every entrance to the enclosure, and watch towers have also been erected in these points.

Civilian Employees

15. "Quite a large number of civilians are employed in the base. Every one of them, whether working in the shipyard or at the Navy Command, must pass through a detailed screening by 'Informacja'. They are issued green-colored passes which fold and contain photographs. Each must take an oath of loyalty. The base employs civilians as office personnel, engineers, foremen, and cooks. Nearly all the office of the Command of the Rear is composed of civilians (as is traditional in Poland--Jews in the military quartermaster's offices). The railway line to Oksywie is operated by the civilian personnel of the Polish railways. Civilians working on the base who are Party members live in new buildings (No. 17). Non-Party civilians live in old and very uncomfortable barracks (No. 29).

Supplies

16. "Floating units of the Navy receive their supplies from the stores of the Command of the Rear (No. 11 on the detailed sketch of the Area of High Command). Other units get their supplies from the stores (No. 12 on the main sketch) or from the central stores [redacted].

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Passes:

17. [redacted] issued by the commander of the unit and does not bear the name of the holder. Every ship has one such pass. If one goes to town with it, one cannot go to a cinema or other public places of entertainment.

18. "Normal passes issued on Saturdays and Sundays are not valid for weekdays. If it is necessary for a sailor to leave the base during the week, he receives an official order (Rozkaz Wyjazdu) signed by (fmu) Skorchodow himself. The same happens if one gets a furlough.

Censorship

19. "The soldiers and sailors sent their correspondence by dropping a sealed envelope into the mailbox. Every soldier is entitled to send three letters a month free of charge. These must be stamped by the command of the unit. The soldiers are always warned that they should never write anything about the conditions in the service or anything constituting a military secret. In such a way, the existence of censorship of correspondence is officially admitted.

20. "The correspondence is distributed to naval units by the 'postman' sailor on duty. In 1952 the 'postman' of the trawler flotilla was found guilty of stealing letters, particularly those containing money orders. The Navy reimbursed the sailors for the stolen money.

21. "When the ships were in the base, one of them was on radio duty. [sic]. She [sic] listened to all radioed orders and messages and later distributed them to the proper officers.

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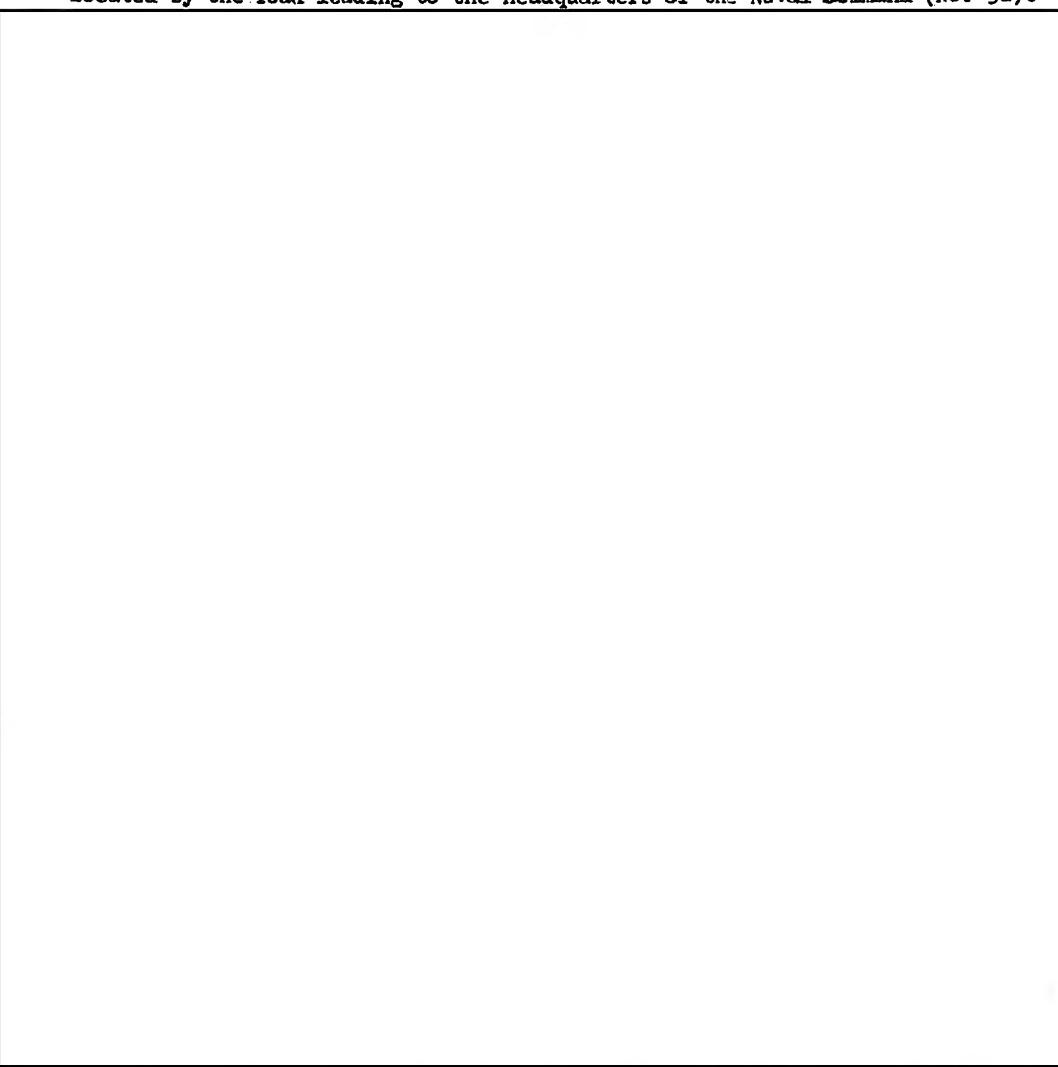
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22. "There is still a third entrance gate in the enclosure of the base. It is located by the road leading to the headquarters of the Naval Command (No. 32).

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23. "On the roof of the Headquarters (No. 26) there is a radar tower. The type of the installation is crosswise and not circular. There is also a mess for career officers and NCO's in this building.

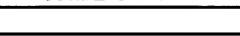
24. "The Command of the Fleet (No. 5) has under direct orders all the vessels of the Polish Navy. It should not be confused with the Headquarters of the Polish Navy.

25. "In the buildings (No. 21) there are some workshops. One hears the sound of machines and sees the steam rising from the roofs.

26. "The Command of the Rear (No. 6) administers the docks etc. and has under orders the tugs, tankers, etc. For the time being it has five tugs BC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. New ones are under construction. The Command of the Rear also administers the building battalions and workshops.

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27. "The Quartermaster troops (Dzial Sluzb) of the base comprise the following sections:

- a. Motorcar section
- b. Administrative section
- c. Guard section (Wartowniczy)
- d. Fire service
- e. Musical band

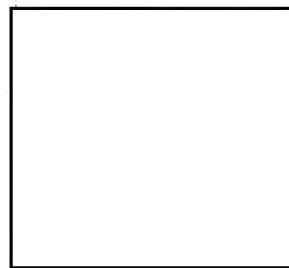
These troops are subordinate to the Command of the Rear. The Rear Command has two departments: one for the Command of the Waters (Dowoda two Wodnego Rejonu), the other for the troops of the rear in the proper sense.

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